Construction of additional complex In National Museum, Calcutta

1628. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: WiH the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to »«ate.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Boadd of Trustees of National Museum in Calcutta intend to construct additional complex in the area adjoining Government College of Art.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

tc) what is the response of the authority of that college to such construction programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) A new Annexe building of thg Indian Museum, Calcutta is being constructed on its own land adjacent to Government College of Art and Crafts.

After discussions with the College authorities, a working arrangement has been finalised.

University status to Manipal Academy of Higher Education

1629. SHRI IAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether ths Manipal Academy ot Higher Education situated in Modhao Nagar Manipal Karnataka has been granted a Deemed University Status; and

Ib) if so, when and under what considers ion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India declar ed the, Manipal Academy of Higher Education as an institution deemed to be a University vide notification dated 1st June, 1993. j

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has laid down guidelines 'or ' considering proposal for declaring an institution as deemed to be a University. Each such institution has to fulfill tlie minimum eligibility conditions in terra* of objectives, infrastructural facilities, faculty positions commitment of minimum recurring annual grant so as to be financially viable, etc. The Commission appointed an Expert Committee in September, 1992 fo_r an on the spot assessment of the level of teaching/ire-search being carried out by the institutions and to see the infrastructural facilities' existing there. After considering the report of the Expert Committee and satisfying that the Manipal Academy fulfilled the minimum prescribed conditions, the UGC made recommendation to thei Government to declare Manipai Academy of Higher Education as an institution deemed to be a University under Section 3 of the *UGC* Act.

Free Education to Girls

1630. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of MJMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide free education to every child of age group between 6 to 14 years under the Directive Principles enshrined in the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what effective measure* are being taken by Government for providing free education to the girls of the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) In accordance with the Constitutional Directive,